

I recently heard about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, with no plans to air anything that presents another viewpoint. This is a clear example of the danger that media consolidation poses to the democratic process.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when a large company like Sinclair can control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the corporation and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to meet strict criteria that demonstrate service in the public interest.

Thanks for listening
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